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Ed Brockman, well known boxing referee of Baltimore, and two Baltimore boxers, Andy Kelly and Heinie Welch, were in Salisbury to take part in a fight program last night. Brockman today told his story of the lynching of Matthew Williams, part of which he witnessed.

Out of the pocket of his overcoat he pulled a six-inch length of rope, a "souvenir" given him by a man who claimed it was cut from the rope with which the negro was hanged.

Brockman said:

"We were in the fight club and several hundred persons were waiting for the first bout. I was weighing in Red Shreves and Bud Crosby, who were to fight.

CROWD STAMPEDES

"Suddenly the word came that they were lynching Williams.

"There was a stampede for the doors. I drove my car a distance of about a mile and a half to the courthouse green and they had just cut the negro down.

"As I walked around the courthouse here came the leaders, carrying the body along. As they stepped out into the street they let it drop and then dragged it by the rope down through the negro part of town.

BOUTS DELAYED

"Later I saw the fire, but didn't want to go down there.

"We went back to the fight and the bouts didn't get started until after 10 o'clock. And some of the fighters didn't show up and only about half the crowd.

"It was a quiet and orderly mob. I saw no drunks. There were many women."